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## MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Consultant for Cuba - Edward G. Tichborn (P)

1. On 22 October I called <sup>03</sup> Bob Reynolds of the Caribbean Desk to ask him what had happened to the draft dispatch which we had forwarded several weeks before to Col. King regarding the above subject. After much scurrying around he called back on 23 October to say that he had found that the draft dispatch had come from Col. King's office and that they had decided the moment was inopportune to send Tichborn to Cuba. I pointed out in no uncertain terms that I thought they were all wet, that the situation in Cuba was growing more delicate day by day, that as far as I knew our intelligence was not too good in Cuba and that it did not appear to me, from where I sat, that Station Havana was making any great strides forward in trying to identify the opposition to Castro. I further pointed out that the idea had been ~~approved~~ in principle by Col. King before we ever drew up the draft dispatch. I went on to re-count the success we had had <sup>24</sup> (in India) with Ferlango (P) and that in view of the considerable amount involved in Project AMPATROL it would be a good idea to have someone take an ~~intelligent~~ look at the political situation in Cuba before the time came for the project to be approved. I went on further to say that he could check with <sup>24</sup> (the India Desk) as regards to the job that Ferlango had done and that we had a rough transcript of the debriefing which, with the (India Desk's) permission, I would make available to him. <sup>24</sup>

2. Ed Dunn secured <sup>03</sup> (Ted Beidleman's) permission and sent a copy of the transcript over to Mr. Reynolds on 23 October. On 26 October Mr. Reynolds called to say that he had misunderstood our original proposal and that he was all in favor of it since reading the transcript, that they had revised the draft dispatch, beefing it up, and would like to send it over for my coordination. I coordinated on the dispatch. We should hear something reasonably soon.

  
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